Claims:

What we claim is:

1. A computer program product, comprising:

a computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method of delaying an operation, the method comprising:

requesting that a user input a delay criteria; and

delaying performance by the computer system of the operation until the delay criteria has been met;

wherein the operation comprises at least one operation chosen from the group consisting of a print command, an e-mailing distribution, a software installation, a file transfer protocol upload, a web site posting and an internet phone call

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- 2. The computer-program product of claim 1, wherein the delay criteria is at least one chosen from the group consisting of a time interval, a set time, and the occurrence of a particular condition.
- 3. The computer-program product of claim 2, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of an idle printer.
 - 4. The program product medium of claim 2, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of bandwidth availability on a network connection.

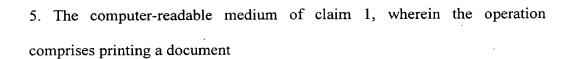
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- 6. The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the delaying step comprises storing the document in a job store.
- 7. The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the job store comprises at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide area network and an internet storage location.
- 8. A method for controlling a computer system to perform a delayed operation comprising:

requesting that a user input a delay criteria; and

delaying performance of the operation until the delay criteria has been met; wherein the operation comprises at least one operation chosen from the

group consisting of a print command, an e-mailing distribution, a software

installation, a file transfer protocol upload, a web site posting and an internet

phone call.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the delay criteria is at least one chosen

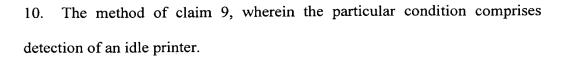
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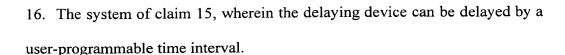
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- 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of bandwidth availability on a network connection.
 - 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the operation comprises printing a document.
- 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the delaying step comprises storing the document in a job store.
 - 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the job store comprises at least one item from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide area network and an internet storage location.
 - 15. A computing system comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a user-programmable delaying device operably connected to the processor;
 - a storage device operably connected to the processor; and a printer operably connected to the storage device.

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- 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the delaying device can be delayed until a user-programmable time.
- 18. The system of claim 15, wherein the delaying device can be delayed until the occurrence of a user-programmable condition.
- 10 19. The system of claim 15, further comprising a job store.
 - 20. The system of claim 19, wherein the job store comprises at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide area network and an internet storage location.